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SUBTRACTED FOR DETERMINING WHETHER DEVICE IS
DEGRADED (As Amended)

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 22, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: